

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Yoko KUWABARA, et al. :
SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION :
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: CARBAMOYL-PHOSPHATE SYNTHETASE GENE OF CORYNEFORM
BACTERIA AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-ARGININE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 16 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add new Claims 18 and 19:

--18. (New) A method for producing a polypeptide having carbamoyl-phosphate synthetase activity or a subunit thereof, comprising, or comprising the step of, culturing a host cell according to Claim 12 for a time and under conditions suitable for producing said polypeptide having carbamoyl-phosphate synthetase activity or a subunit thereof.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18, further comprising, or comprising the step of, collecting or purifying said polypeptide having carbamoyl-phosphate synthetase activity or a subunit thereof.--

REMARKS

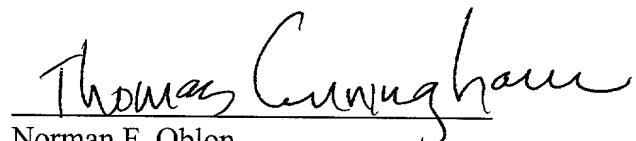
Claims 1-15 and 18-19 are active in the above-identified application. Support for Claims 18-19 may be found *inter alia* on pages 11-12 of the original disclosure. Accordingly, it is not believed that any new matter has been introduced.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the claims are now in proper condition for early examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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